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Sri A. V. THOMAS : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on a point of information I would like to say something. Two days ago the Hon. Speaker was kind enough to make a statement relating to 'questions'. I naturally expected after a day or two that you may perhaps make a statement about 'answers'. Having not heard you make a statement I would like to make a request to the Chair. Why I raise the question is, Members sometimes are not able to hear the answers given distinctly. Again some of the replies given are rather vague or answers given to supplementaries do not contain the information asked for. Even the answers given to supplementary questions do not appear to be satisfactory. In some cases in my opinion the supplementary questions have not been understood properly so that they could be answered satisfactorily. I wonder whether the Hon. Speaker would take all these into consideration and give some advice.

Mr. SPEAKER : The responsibility for admission of questions is that of the Speaker. But the responsibility for answers is that of the Ministers. If the hon. Members are not satisfied with the answers given, they have proper remedy for that. I have no power to compel the Hon. Ministers to answer question in a proper manner. If the answers are not to the satisfaction of the hon. Members, they can elicit more information by putting supplementary questions. If they are not satisfied with the information furnished in answer to supplementary questions, they can elicit further information by putting fresh questions or ask for an half-an-hour debate. If the hon. Members are not satisfied even with the answers given then, they can move a vote of censure. The Speaker can do nothing beyond that.

Questions are over.

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* BILLS.

Mr. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Governor has given his recommendation for the consideration in the Legislative Assembly of the Madras Borstal Schools (Amendment) Bill, 1959 and the Indian Partnership (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1959.

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE DAMAGES TO CROPS IN UTHAMASERI AND KILIKOODU VILLAGES DUE TO FLOODS.

Mr. SPEAKER : Now we will take up the motion under rule 41. The hon. Member Sri Vasudevan will call attention to the damages caused to the standing crops in Uthamaseri and Kilikoodu villages in Tanjore district due to the recent heavy floods in the road dam along the Kumbakonam Road.

Sri K. VASUDEVAN : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த ரூல் 40 மோஷன் பிரகாரம், சர்க்காருக்கு நான் ஒரு சம்பவத்தை ஞாபகமூட்ட விரும்புகிறேன். திருச்சிராப்பள்ளியில் ஜூன், ஜூலையில் ஏராளமான வெள்ளம் வந்தது எல்லோருக்கும் ஞாபகம் இருக்கலாம். அதே மாதிரி